

Infections of the Hand. A Guide to the Surgical Treatment of Acute and Chronic Suppurative Processes in the Fingers, Hands and Fore-arm. By Allen B. Kanavel, M. D., Assistant Professor of Surgery, Northwestern University Medical School; Attending Surgeon, Wesley and Cook County Hospitals, Chicago. New (3d) edition, thoroughly revised. Octavo, 498 pages, with 161 illustrations. Cloth, \$3.75 net. Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1916.

It is a pleasure to see that this excellent monograph has again reached a new edition. The new anatomical plates are much handier to use than the old ones; a new chapter on the "Relation of Acute Infective Processes to Industrial Pursuits" gives statistical information of interest to men doing industrial accident work.

There is scarcely a surgical condition equal in frequency and economic importance to infections of the hand, nor one where mistakes in treatment more commonly do harm. The general practitioner will find the book a useful and convenient guide in overcoming the difficulties that beset these cases; its explicitness and thorough anatomical studies will make it a standard for a long time to come. We can again heartily recommend it to students, surgeons and general practitioners alike.

L. E.

Embryology, Anatomy, and Diseases of the Umbilicus Together with Diseases of the Uterus. By Thomas S. Cullen, Associate Professor of Gynecology in the Johns Hopkins University. Large octavo of 680 pages with 269 original illustrations and 7 plates by Max Brodel and August Horn. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1916. Cloth, \$7.50 net; half morocco, \$9.00 net.

From such a great authority as Thomas S. Cullen one would naturally look for a book expounding chiefly the views and the experience of the author himself, with each pathological or clinical condition illustrated by one or two typical case-histories; this would vividly bring out the personality of the author and give greater unity, force and weight to the whole work. Cullen has preferred instead to efface his personality and contents himself to a great extent with merely reflecting the views of many different men and with enumerating an immense number of cases gathered from all sources obtainable. This, of course, enormously swells the size of the volume, resulting in its becoming a compilation of seven hundred pages of everything that has ever been reported on the umbilicus.

The finest parts of the work, in my opinion, are the first chapter on the embryology of the umbilicus, its beautiful colored plates, the best and most instructive I have ever seen on this subject, being especially worthy of mention; the chapter on the remnants of the omphalo-mesenteric duct, and all the chapters on the urachal rests. The space devoted to such topics as Meckel's diverticulum and umbilical hernia is rather scanty for a work of such encyclopedic size, and would scarcely suffice for the guidance of the surgeon.

This book may be considered as a complete catalogue of all the pathological conditions of the umbilicus and should be of great value as a standard and reference for the teacher, the obstetrician, the gynaecologist and the museum curator.

P. S. C.

SOCIETY REPORTS

MARIN COUNTY.

The June meeting of this Society was held at the home of Dr. L. L. Stanley, San Quentin, Cal., June

8th, 1916. The speaker of the evening was Dr. R. L. Rigdon of San Francisco. The topic was Diagnosis of Surgical Affections of the Kidney, illustrated by radiograms. The July meeting of this Society was held at the home of Dr. A. H. Mays, Sausalito, Cal., on July 13th, 1916. We had the pleasure of having with us Dr. Leo Eloesser, who had recently returned from Germany. Dr. Eloesser gave a very interesting talk on war-fractures of the femur, also the tibia and fibula, illustrated by radiographs and tracings. Dr. Eloesser also exhibited a number of fragments of shells which had been extracted from operative wounds. We were given an impromptu talk on carbuncle by Dr. Thomas W. Huntington.

Respectfully yours,

O. P. STOWE, Secretary.

MENDOCINO COUNTY.

The President, Dr. C. L. Gregory, called a meeting of the Society for the evening of the 8th of July at Fort Bragg. It was held in the office of Dr. F. McLean Campbell. Those present were Drs. F. McL. Campbell, C. L. Sweet, F. C. Piersol, H. Peddicord and O. H. Beckman.

A banquet in the Hospital Building, preceded the meeting, and I must say that Dr. Campbell's cook is a master in the culinary art, and so is the doctor in hospitality.

On account of a Railway Surgeons' meeting on the same date, the attendance was not what had been expected, but the lack in numbers was made up by geniality.

The meeting came to order with our host of the evening—Dr. Campbell—occupying the chair. The paper for the evening—"Abortion, and some suggestions how to lessen criminal abortions"—was read by Dr. Beckman. Among other interesting subjects and cases discussed, Dr. Campbell described that of a 13-year-old girl who had been sick with influenza. Later on general peritonitis developed and laparotomy had been performed to relieve conditions. At the autopsy the left ureter was found blocked, with the kidney very much enlarged and containing nothing but pus.

OSWALD H. BECKMAN, Sec.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

Regular July meeting called to order by Dr. J. W. James, vice-president. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Cases reported, none. Paper of the evening, Recent Work in Epilepsy, by Dr. E. W. Twitchell. Discussed by Drs. Seavey, Barnard, Lindsay, Howard, Gundrum. Closed by E. W. Twitchell. Application of Dr. P. M. Thomas read. Report of Board of Directors heard. Moved, seconded and carried that August meeting be omitted. Dr. Twitchell reported progress from the Medical Milk Commission. Adjourned.

F. F. GUNDRUM, M. D.,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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